

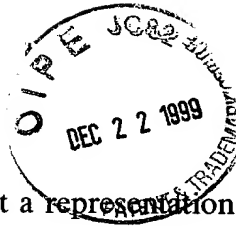
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This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed within three (3) months of the date of the filing date of this application.

To the best of Applicant(s) knowledge, this Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the date of mailing of a first Office Action on the merits in connection with this case.

The Office is hereby authorized to charge any fees that may be required for consideration of this Information Disclosure Statement and to credit any overpayment to our Deposit Account No. 03-3125.

Early and favorable consideration of the case is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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